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MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander, United States Army Security Agency
Arlington Hall Station
Arlington, Virginia 22212

SUBJECT : Proposed FBIS Radio Receiving Facility at [redacted]

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1. This memorandum in paragraph 5 requests your concurrence in the establishment of an unmanned FBIS radio-receiving facility at [redacted] South Korea.

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2. On recommendation of the Department of State and the American Embassy, Tokyo, FBIS has developed a contingency plan for a possible request on part of the Japanese Government that FBIS close its bureaus in Japan, located in Okinawa and Tokyo. These preparations call for immediate establishment of new FBIS bureaus in Hong Kong and Seoul which could provide radio broadcast coverage now obtained from Okinawa and Tokyo bureaus that could not be monitored from our more remote primary fallback site in Guam. For details of FBIS operations in Japan and related planning, see TAB A.

3. We wish to proceed now with establishment of a small bureau in South Korea which will monitor long, medium and short wave broadcasts of the northern PRC regional transmitters, Mongolia, the Soviet Far East and North and South Korea. For a low-profile and cost effective operation, we hope to utilize existing U.S. Government facilities in Korea to the extent possible.

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[redacted] offers the most suitable monitoring site. We will not locate FBIS foreign employees at [redacted] for security and other reasons. Our plan instead calls for an operations base in the American Embassy chancery in Seoul utilizing an unmanned radio-receiving facility at [redacted] controlled remotely via the existing DCA-operated microwave system between [redacted] and Seoul.

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4. This plan has been approved by the State Department and the Embassy. In consultations between Mr. William S. Scott, Plans and Policies Branch, DCS Logistics, ASA, and [redacted] Deputy Chief, Operations Group, FBIS, and other officers of our two organizations, we have now developed specific arrangements subject to your approval. The details are shown at TAB B. They call for minimal support of FBIS by ASA and in no way interfere with [redacted] operations.

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5. I therefore request your concurrence with the plan described in TAB B and your authorization to appropriate officers of your command for its implementation. We are planning to have an operational facility at [redacted] by 1 January 1977. Because of the 9-10 months leadtime required for procuring and installing equipment, I will appreciate your early response.

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6. I wish also to thank you for the helpful and forthcoming manner in which Mr. Scott and his colleagues at Arlington Hall and the officers and men at [redacted] have assisted our planning.

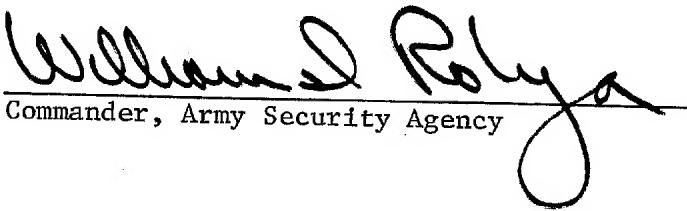
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Attachments:

As stated

CONCUR:


Commander, Army Security Agency

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